

**NOVEMBER 2003 AGENDA**

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions		

Recommendation:

California Department of Education (CDE) staff recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified on the attached list.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The SBE is responsible for assigning a number to each approved charter petition. On the advice of legal counsel, CDE staff is presenting this routine request for a charter number as a standard action item.

Since the charter school law was enacted in 1992, the SBE has assigned numbers to 597 charter schools, including seven approved by the SBE after denial by the local agencies. Of these 597 schools, approximately 475 are estimated to be operating in the 2003-2004 school year. In addition, the SBE has approved eight all-charter school districts containing a total of 15 charter schools.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The law allows for the establishment of charter schools. A charter school typically is approved by a local school district or county office of education. The entity that approves a charter is also responsible for ongoing oversight. A charter school must comply with all the contents of its charter, but is otherwise exempt from most other laws governing school districts.

Education Code Section 47602 requires the SBE to assign a number to each charter school that has been approved by a local entity in the chronological order in which it was received. This numbering ensures that the state is within the cap on the total number of charter schools authorized to operate. As of July 1, 2003, the number of charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state is 750. This cap may not be waived. This item will assign numbers to four more charter schools. Copies of the charter petitions are on file in the Charter Schools Division.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

N/A

Attachment(s)

Attachment 1: [Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions \(Page 1-1\)](#)

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Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions

NUMBER	CHARTER SCHOOL NAME	CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY	AUTHORIZING ENTITY	CHARTER SCHOOL CONTACT
598	Sacramento Aspire Public School	Sacramento	Sacramento City USD	Elise Darwish 3 Twin Dolphin Dr. Redwood City, CA 94065 (650) 637-2060
599	City Arts and Technology High School	San Francisco	San Francisco USD	Daniel McLaughlin PO Box 29225 San Francisco, CA 94129 (415) 561-2907
600	Milagro Charter School	Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Refugio Rodriguez 3838 Eagle Rock Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90065 (323) 254-4427
601	New Designs Charter School	Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Yaw Audtwum 1000 E. Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747 (310) 243-3732